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Members:	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Barbalić
	Brazil	Mrs. Dunlop
	China	Mr. Wang Min
	France	Mr. Bonne
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara Moussotsi
	Germany	Mr. Berger
	India	Mr. Vinay Kumar
	Lebanon	Mr. Ramadan
	Nigeria	Mrs. Ogwu
	Portugal	Mr. Cabral
	Russian Federation	Mr. Churkin
	South Africa	Mr. Sangqu
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Mark Lyall Grant
	United States of America	Ms. Rice

Agenda

The situation in Somalia

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Somalia

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): Under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the representatives of Italy, Somalia, Spain and Ukraine to participate in this meeting.

The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2011/228, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Colombia, Denmark, France, Gabon, India, Italy, Lebanon, Nigeria, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Spain and Ukraine.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it.

I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Gabon, Germany, India, Lebanon, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1976 (2011).

I now give the floor to the representative of the Russian Federation, who wishes to speak following the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Churkin (Russian Federation) (*spoke in Russian*): The worsening piracy off the coast of Somalia requires that the international community adopt qualitatively new measures to combat it. Today, we have taken a great step forward in combating piracy. The resolution adopted on our initiative includes a broad array of qualitatively new measures aimed at establishing the necessary conditions to more effectively counteract pirates. It generally draws on the ideas of Mr. Jack Lang, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Legal Issues Related to Piracy off the Coast of Somalia, which enjoy broad international support, and takes in an entire set of problems related to the growing piracy threat.

For the Russian Federation, it is important that the resolution includes special emphasis on combating impunity for pirates. The request on the Secretary-General to report to the Council on practical aspects for establishing national anti-piracy courts in Somalia and a specialized Somali anti-piracy court with international components on the territory of a third State is a first practical step towards establishing an effective judicial mechanism capable of providing a credible and reliable solution to the problem of bringing pirates to justice. We look forward to receiving a thorough report from the Secretary-General that includes concrete proposals on the modalities for establishing such anti-piracy courts. For our part, we are prepared to provide the Secretary-General with all the necessary support to carry out that work.

Allow me to express our appreciation to all the members of the Council for their cooperation, support and determination to achieve compromise. We are also grateful to our colleagues for their valuable ideas, which made it possible for us to strengthen the resolution and to lend momentum to this important anti-piracy initiative.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): There are no further speakers inscribed on my list. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.